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Idaho Milk Production up 1.0 Percent

Idaho milk production during December 2012 totaled 1.12 billion pounds, a 1.0 percent increase from the same month last year, and a 2.5 percent increase from November 2012, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. November 2012 milk production was revised to 1.09 billion pounds, up slightly from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow for December 2012 was 1,930 pounds, up 20 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during December was 580,000 head, unchanged from December 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 15.7 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from December 2011. November revised production at 14.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from November 2011. The November revision represented an increase of 31 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,848 pounds for December, 30 pounds above December 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.49 million head, 5,000 head more than December 2011, and 16,000 head more than November 2012.

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